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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 20.

THURSDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1951.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—LEAVE TO MAKE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) asked leave to make a Ministerial Statement.  
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent a Ministerial Statement being made by the Minister for External Affairs.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

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Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Grayden	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Timson
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Luck	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Eric J.	Mr. McBride	Mr. Treloar
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Harrison	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Berry	Mr. Drury	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. McDonald	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Eggins	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wight
Mr. Bostock	Sir A. Fadden	Mr. Holt	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Howse	Mr. Menzies	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brown	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Osborne	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Jack	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Francis	Mr. Joske	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Corser	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Kekwick	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Graham	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Rosevear
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Costa	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Galvin	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Thompson
Mr. W. M. Bourke	Mr. Cremean	Mr. E. James	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Curtin	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mulcahy	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Duthie	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Peters	Mr. C. R. Cameron
Mr. Clarey	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Keon	Mr. Pollard	Mr. Daly

And so it was resolved in the affirmative by an absolute majority.

4. SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND EAST ASIA—VISIT BY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Casey (Minister for External Affairs) made a Ministerial Statement with reference to a visit which he had made to South-East Asia and East Asia and to discussions held with the governments of the respective countries. Mr. Casey then, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—

South-East Asia and East Asia—Visit by Minister for External Affairs—Ministerial Statement—and moved, That the Paper be printed.

Mr. Haylen moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

5. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth—  
Papua—Report for year 1949–50.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Apple and Pear Organization Act—Fifth Annual Report of the Australian Apple and Pear Board, for year 1950–51, together with Statement by Minister regarding the operation of the Act.

Australian Broadcasting Act—Second Annual Report of the Australian Broadcasting Control Board for year 1949–50.

Commonwealth Bank Act—Appointment Certificate—M. B. Moorfield.

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Public Service Act—Appointment—Repatriation Department—F. C. H. Ross.  
 Services Trust Funds Act—Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund—Annual Reports  
 for years 1948–49 and 1949–50.  
 War Service Homes Act—Land acquired—Caringbah, New South Wales.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR.—STATES GRANTS (ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLS REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1951.—The following Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth was presented, and was read by Mr. Speaker :—

J. NORTHCOTT,

*Administrator.*

*Message No. 22.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the administration of the Control of Prices and Rents.

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Ordered—The foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

*(In the Committee.)*

Sir Arthur Fadden (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the administration of the Control of Prices and Rents.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Bowden reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Arthur Fadden the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Arthur Fadden and Mr. Eric J. Harrison do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Arthur Fadden then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Sir Arthur Fadden moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

7. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1951.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Social Services) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *War Service Homes Act 1918–1949*.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Townley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Townley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Pollard moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. DISCHARGE OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That the following Orders of the Day, Government Business, be discharged :—

14. Foreign Affairs—Ministerial Statement—Motion for Printing Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the Paper be printed.

15. Draft Pacific Security Treaty—Motion for Printing Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the Paper be printed.

16. National Service—Ministerial Statement—Motion for Printing Paper—Resumption of debate upon the motion, That the Paper be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

9. LOSS OF AIRLINER *Amana*—REPORTS OF AIR COURT OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPERS.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Anthony (Minister for Civil Aviation), That the Papers [*presented on the 28th June, 1951*], viz. :—

Loss of Airliner *Amana*, 26th June, 1950—

(1) Report of Air Court of Inquiry,

(2) Supplementary Report, and

(3) Ministerial Statement by the Minister for Civil Aviation regarding the Report—

be printed—

Debate resumed.

Ordered—That Mr. Drakeford be granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question—That the Papers be printed—put and negatived.

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10. ILLNESS OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING—TRANSMISSION OF RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received advice from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth intimating that the terms of the Resolution in connexion with the illness of His Majesty The King, passed by the House on the 26th September, had been transmitted to London for His Majesty's pleasure.

11. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Eric J. Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Beazley, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davies, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lazzarini, Mr. Leslie, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Mullens, Mr. Nelson and Sir Earle Page.

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F. C. GREEN,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*